

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

TIMOTHY D. SINI
POLICE COMMISSIONER

November 14, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 17-183, *Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum between 3.7 and 24 GHz*

Dear Secretary Dortch,

The County of Suffolk operates a licensed 6GHz private microwave system which provides backhaul for our Public Safety LMR System. We have great concern over GN Docket No. 17-183 and the impact it will have on our infrastructure and daily operations.

We rely on this system daily to provide mission critical communications to the first responders in Suffolk County. Loss of communications due to interference in these microwave bands will impact Public Safety Communications for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services in the County. Dependable communications in these bands not only enables our first responders to carry out their responsibilities to protect the public, but also ensures their safety.

This microwave system has provided uninterrupted communications during the recent natural disasters which have impacted our area. We rely on this type of system as opposed to commercial systems as it is private, we control it and we have built this system to be robust and to withstand these types of events where commercial systems have failed.

Any other use of this spectrum would not only affect our County but many others that I am aware of. The impacts of allowing other use of this Mid-Band Spectrum would significantly hamper operations by many entities providing mission critical services to the residents of their jurisdictions.

Respectfully,

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